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September 10, 2025

VIA CM/ECF

The Honorable James K. Bredar United States District Court for the District of Maryland 101 West Lombard Street, Chambers 5A Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: In the Matter of Petition of Grace Ocean Private Limited, et al., for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability
Civil Action No. 24-941-JKB

Dear Judge Bredar:

Undersigned counsel for Petitioners Grace Ocean Private Limited and Synergy Marine Pte, Ltd, along with counsel for the Claimants as to the wrongful death and survival claims arising from the death of Dorlian Ronial Castillo Cabrera at ECF No. 100 ("the Claim"), write to jointly request referral for a settlement conference before United States Magistrate Judge J. Mark Coulson, whom Your Honor indicated during the October 29, 2024 Status and Scheduling Conference would be available for purposes of alternate dispute resolution in this case.

Based on discussions to date, both Petitioners and Claimants believe that mediation by Magistrate Judge Coulson—a neutral third party—would be beneficial and could help resolve their disputes without the need for further litigation of the Claim.

Accordingly, Petitioners and Claimants respectfully request that the Court enter an Order referring this matter for a settlement conference before United States Magistrate Judge J. Mark Coulson at his earliest availability, as provided for in Local Rule 607 and authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Rule 301.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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